Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A data processing device connected to and in communication with a terminal device, comprising:

a storing unit having a storage area for storing image data;

a recognition setting unit that enables the terminal device to recognize the storage area in the storing unit as an external storage device; and

a data processing unit that reads image data from the storage area in the storing unit when image data is written to the storage area from the terminal device and executes a prescribed process on the image data.

2. (Original) The data processing device was claimed in claim 1, wherein the terminal device is provided with a Plug and Play function for automatically recognizing a device connected to and in communication with the terminal device, the recognition setting unit using the Plug and Play function to enable the terminal device to recognize the storage area in the storing unit as an external storage device.

3. (Original) The data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data processing unit comprises a monitoring portion that constantly monitors the storage area in the storing unit to determine whether image data has been written to the storage area from the terminal device.

4. (Original) The data processing device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a deleting unit that deletes image data from the storage area after the data processing unit has completed a predetermined process on the image data in the prescribed process.

5. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the prescribed process is an image forming ~~process, and~~process;

the data processing device further ~~comprising~~ comprises an image forming unit that forms an image on an image forming medium based on the image data; and

~~wherein~~ the data processing unit comprises a reading portion that reads image data from the storage area in the storing unit when image data is written to the storage area from the terminal device, and a control portion that controls the image forming unit to form an image based on the image data.

6. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the prescribed process is a facsimile transmission process, in which the image data is affixed with a destination data indicative of a destination of the image data; ~~and~~

the data processing device further ~~comprising~~ comprises a communicating unit connected to an external network, and a data transmitting unit that transmits the image data to a specified destination through the communicating unit; and

~~wherein~~ the data processing unit comprises a reading portion that reads image data from the storage area in the storing unit and reads the destination data from the storage area when the image data is written to the storage area from the terminal device, and a control portion that controls the data transmitting unit to transmit the image data to the destination based on the destination data.

7. (Original) The data processing device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the communicating unit is capable of communicating with an external facsimile machine via the network, the control portion controlling the data transmitting unit to transmit the image data

as facsimile data to the external facsimile machine at the destination based on the destination data.

8. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the storing unit is capable of storing image data and classification data representing a classification of the image data; and

~~wherein~~ the data processing unit comprises:

a first mode processing portion providing a first prescribed process;

a second mode processing portion providing a second prescribed process; and

a selection portion selecting one of the first prescribed process and the second prescribed process based on the classification data for the image data that is written together with the image data in the storing unit at the time the image data is written to the storage area from the terminal device for executing a selected one of the first prescribed process and the second prescribed process.

9. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

an image forming unit that forms an image on an image forming medium based on the image data; ~~and~~

wherein the first mode processing portion comprises:

a reading section that reads the image data from the storage area of the storing unit; and

a control section that controls the image forming unit to form images based on the image data.

10. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

a communicating unit connected to an external network; and

a data transmitting unit that transmits the image data to a specified destination via the communicating unit; ~~and~~

wherein:

the image data is attached with ~~a~~ destination data representing a destination for the image data, the destination data being also stored in the storage area; and

~~wherein~~ the second mode processing portion comprises:

a reading section that reads image data from the storage area of the storing unit and reads the destination data from the storage area; and

a control section that controls the data transmitting unit to transmit the image data to the destination based on the destination data.

11. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

the image data is also attached with ~~a~~ transmission time data representing the transmission time for the image data, the transmission time data being also stored in the storage area; ~~and~~

~~wherein~~ the reading section also reads transmission time data; and

~~wherein~~ the control section controls the data transmitting unit to transmit the image data to a destination based on the destination data at a time represented by the transmission time data.

12. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

the communicating unit is capable of communicating with an external facsimile machine via the network; and

~~wherein~~ the control section controls the data transmitting unit to transmit the image data as facsimile data to the external facsimile machine at the destination based on the destination data.

13. (Original) The data processing device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the data processing unit further comprises a third mode processing portion providing a third prescribed process, the selection portion selecting one of the first prescribed process, the second prescribed process and the third prescribed process based on the classification data for the image data that is written together with the image data in the storing unit at the time the image data is written to the storage area from the terminal device for executing a selected one of the first prescribed process, the second prescribed process and the third prescribed process.

14. (Currently Amended) The data processing device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a communicating unit connected to an external network; and

a mail transmitting unit that transmits image data in an e-mail format to a specified destination; ~~and~~

wherein the image data is attached with ~~a~~ destination data representing a destination for the image data, the destination data being also stored in the storage area; and

~~wherein~~ the third mode processing portion comprises:

a reading section that reads image data from the storage area in the storing unit and reads destination data from the storage ~~area,~~area; and

_____a control section that controls the mail transmitting unit to transmit the image data in the e-mail format to a destination based on the destination data.

15. (Currently Amended) A facsimile machine comprising:

a communicating unit connected to an external network and capable of transmitting and receiving facsimile data; and

a data processing device connected to and in communication with a terminal device through the external network, the data processing device comprising:

_____a storing unit having a storage area for storing the facsimile data;

_____a recognition setting unit that enables the terminal device to recognize the storage area in the storing unit as an external storage device; and

_____a data processing unit that reads the facsimile data from the storage area in the storing unit when the facsimile data is written to the storage area from the terminal device and executes a prescribed process on the facsimile data.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium that stores a computer-executable program for permitting a facsimile machine to function as a data processing device, the facsimile machine including a communication unit connected to a terminal device through a network, and a storage unit including a storage area that stores therein image ~~data;~~ data, the program comprising:

~~a program of~~instructions for enabling the terminal device to recognize the storage area in the storing unit as an external storage device; and

~~a program of~~instructions for reading image data from the storage area in the storing unit when image data is written to the storage area from the terminal device and executing a prescribed process on the image data.